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### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
	§	Case No. 12-45560-DML-11
WALNUT CREEK STORAGE	Š	
PARNTERS, LTD.,	§	In Proceedings Under Chapter 11
	§	
Debtor.	§	

# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW IN CONNECTION WITH CONFIRMATION OF ORIGINAL CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

On the 26<sup>h</sup> day of June, 2013, came on for confirmation before this Court the Original Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Proposed by Walnut Creek Storage Partners, LTD., Debtor and Debtor in Possession, dated June 10, 2013 (the "Plan")<sup>1</sup>. All parties appearing in connection with the confirmation of the Plan were duly noted on the record.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization jointly proposed by the Debtor.

After consideration of the Plan, the evidence presented, the arguments of counsel, together with the records and files in this Chapter 11 proceeding, this Court hereby makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of Walnut Creek Storage Partners, LTD. ("Walnut Creek", "Debtor" or "Debtor in Possession"), was commenced pursuant to Voluntary Petition filed October 1, 2012. The Debtor has continued to operate as a debtor in possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107 and 1108.
- 2. The Original Disclosure Statement to Accompany Original Plan of Reorganization filed on June 10, 2013 (the "Disclosure Statement") was conditionally approved by Order Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement entered June 12, 2013 and finally approved pursuant to Order entered concurrent herewith. The Disclosure Statement refers to the Plan filed by the Debtor (sometimes hereinafter "Proponent").
- 3. Copies of the Disclosure Statement, Ballot for accepting or rejecting the Plan, the Plan and notice of the Order Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement were properly and timely mailed to all known creditors and parties in interest in the Chapter 11 case.
- 4. There was one objection to confirmation timely filed with the Court and it has been resolved.
  - 5. The Plan complies with the applicable provisions to title 11, United States Code.
- 6. The Proponent of the Plan has complied with the applicable provisions of title 11, United States Code.
  - 7. The Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law.

- 8. Any payment made or to be made by the Debtor or by a successor of the Debtor for services or for costs and expenses in or in connection with the case, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the case, has been approved by, or is subject to the approval of, this Court as reasonable.
- 9. The Proponent of the Plan has disclosed the identity and affiliations of any individual proposed to serve, after confirmation of the Plan, as a director, officer, or voting trustee of the Debtor, an affiliate of the Debtor participating in a joint plan with the Debtor, or a successor to the Debtor under the Plan; and the appointment to, or continuance in, such office of such individual, is consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security holders and with public policy; and the Proponent of the Plan has disclosed the identity of any insider that will be employed or retained by the reorganized Debtor, and the nature of any compensation for such insider.
- 10. The Plan does not provide for any rate changes subject to approval by any governmental or regulatory commission with jurisdiction over the rates of the Debtor or its successor.
- 11. Each holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in each class of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests in the Plan has accepted the Plan or will receive or retain under the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest property of a value as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would receive or retain if the Debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of title 11 of the United States Code on such date.

- 12. The following Classes are not impaired under the Plan: Class 3 Secured and Class 4 Secured, Class 5 Secured & Class 6 Unsecured. All other Classes of Claims and Interests are deemed impaired.
- 13. All voting impaired Classes have accepted the Plan in accordance with § 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Ballot Summary containing the tabulation of votes was admitted into evidence without objection.
- 14. At least one class of Allowed Claims impaired under the Plan has accepted the Plan without regard to or inclusion of any acceptance of the Plan by any insider.
- 15. The Plan does not discriminate unfairly and is fair and equitable with regard to each class of claims or interests.
- 16. The Plan provides that the holder of an Allowed Claim specified in Section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code shall receive cash equal to the allowed amount of such Allowed Claim on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
- 17. Confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtor, except to the extent that such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.
- 18. All fees payable under §1930 of title 28, United States Code, as determined by the Court have been paid or the Plan provides for the payment of all such fees on or before the Effective Date.
- 19. The Debtor shall file with the Court and serve on the United States Trustee a quarterly financial report for each quarter (or portion thereof) until the Bankruptcy Case is closed, dismissed, or converted, as the case may be.

- 20. There is no retirement plan for which the Debtor is obligated to make payment of retirement benefits, as that term is defined in § 1114 of title 11, United States Code.
- 21. The Debtor is not required by a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, to pay a domestic support obligation.
- 22. All transfers of property of the Plan shall be made in accordance with any applicable provisions of nonbankruptcy law that govern the transfer of property by a corporation or trust that is not a moneyed, business, or commercial corporation or trust.
- 23. The Plan and all transactions contemplated thereunder do not have as their principal purpose the avoidance of any taxes.
- 24. To the extent any of the Conclusions of Law set forth below include Findings of Fact, they are incorporated herein by this reference.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 25. To the extent any of the Findings of Fact set forth above include Conclusions of Law, they are incorporated herein by this reference.
- 26. The proceeding with respect to the confirmation of the Plan is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2). The Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction over the Debtor's Chapter 11 case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(a) and has jurisdiction to make the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law referred to herein and to enter the Order Confirming Plan, dated of even date herewith and entered concurrently herewith.
- 27. The Plan was prepared and filed in compliance with the applicable provisions under title 11, United States Code, contains all provisions required by §1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, and contains only such other provisions as are permitted by §1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and as are consistent with title 11, United States Code.

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28. All Claims and Interests have been properly classified in the Plan in accordance

with § 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code.

29. Notice of the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan, the date fixed for filing

acceptances or rejections of the Plan and the date fixed for filing objections to confirmation of

the Plan was appropriate and the best notice possible under all of the circumstances, as required

by § 102(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3017 and all other

applicable law.

30. The solicitation of acceptances of the Plan, including, without limitation, the

procedures adopted and followed in transmitting, receiving and tabulating acceptances and

rejections of the Plan, were in compliance with §§ 1125 and 1136 of the Bankruptcy Code and

applicable bankruptcy rules and were appropriate and adequate under all of the circumstances of

these cases.

31. All of the requirements for confirmation of the Plan specified by § 1129(a) of the

Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied.

32. The Plan should be **CONFIRMED**.

### End of Order ###

**ORDER SUBMITTED BY:** 

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